

WINTER STOPS ACTION

Sharp Cold Silences Artillery and Infantry Fire.

SOLDIERS IN DUGOUTS  
VERY LITTLE PROSPECT OF ANY VANTAGE MOVEMENTS.

Festivities at Mukden in Honor of the Dowager Empress' Birthday—Oriental Ceremonials.

MUKDEN, November 16, 3 p.m., via Tien Tsin, November 17.—Four days' sharp cold has silenced the artillery and infantry fire between the opposing positions and has driven the soldiers into their dugouts along the entire front line. The apparent impossibility for either side to eject the others from its burrow, and the fact that in the event one side succeeded in advancing it could not dig the other out of its cantonments on account of the frost, seems to promise a winter's inactivity, although the Japanese three days ago made a small reconnaissance toward the extreme end and pushed the Russian cavalry a few miles as though they were investigating the possibilities for a flanking movement.

It seems impossible that either side in any case could more than occupy its opponents' winter quarters.

The wells in the trenches are dry and both sides use the Shukhe river, where the soldiers approach unarmed and get water under recognized mutual sanction not to fire on a single soldier. The use of the art of war is confined to fistfights and swapping cigarettes, jack knives and food, all of which are prohibited. The only avoidable where long lines are in continued contact. The armies have now been stationary for so long that they are drawing supplies of fuel and horse forage from the distant rear, all other supplies being exhausted.

Dowager Empress' Birthday.  
The perfumery ceremonies of introducing the three days' celebration of the birthday of the Dowager Empress Chia began November 13 at the Drum Tower and also at the Bell Tower, which are features of the main street of all capitals. Large shrines were erected including a tablet inscribed with the word "Jansou," which the "Great" and "Little" emperors are to the dynasty. Before the tablet are food offerings and also incense.

Last night a hundred ornamental, fancy lanterns and transparencies with congratulatory inscriptions were displayed in the main streets, but not a single soul came for the purpose of inspecting the illuminations. The streets were deserted. Many Japanese lanterns were included in the display as Japanese products, mostly surplus quantities of foreign goods.

In addition to being poy day this was regarded as children's day, as the small bits of humanity were out in force to see and show today, and the beautiful weather of the week continued. Last night had the record crowd, and there was something of a lull in the attendance today, although there was no diminution in the interest.

Traders' Men's Wall.  
Though conclusive that the profits of the retail trade are greatly in excess of normal times, the quills nevertheless, on account of Mukden being no longer a wholesale market, and a way station for the immense goods and caravans coming from the deserted highways and condole with the officials of the five boards, by which Manchuria, like China proper, is ordinarily governed, and who now await year to year the promised restoration of their functions.

Private advices from Peking contain warnings that the emperor is increasingly uneasy and alarmed at the situation. The emperor is getting thinner and older and lacking in cordiality to foreigners, although perfunctory greetings referring to foreign relations, omitting former courtesies, while the most conspicuous "reform" is said to be the new, corrupt board of war.

TO BEGIN FORWARD MOVEMENT.  
Reported Japs Are Preparing to Advance on Russian Center.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE EVENING STAR.  
NEW YORK, November 17.—A cablegram from St. Petersburg says: It is reported that the Japanese intend to begin a forward movement on November 19, in an attempt to break the center of the Russian formation on the Sha river.

The correspondent of the Vedomosti at the front writes that the Japs are collecting large forces on the Russian eastern front. Scouts from that vicinity bring the report that Japanese hold all the passes.

Fortifying Along Taitse River.  
CHANSANOUTUN, Manchuria, General Kuropatkin's headquarters, November 17.—The Japanese, according to the Russian scouts, are heavily fortifying the second line of defense along the Taitse river. The major portion of the skirmishing in the last few days has been around the village of Tanshioum. Some Japanese and Russians who had gone unarmed to the same spring of water had a hand-to-hand fight. There were plenty of broken heads, but not one on either side was killed.

Text of Stoesse's Report.  
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ST. PETERSBURG, November 17.—General Stoesse, in his dispatches to Emperor Nicholas, reports the repulse of a Japanese attack on the north front of the front. The Russian losses were 480 killed or wounded. All the attacks November 3, the day the anniversary of the emperor's accession to the throne was celebrated, were repulsed.

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HULL TRADE INQUIRY

Third Day of Investigation of North Sea Incident.

A REITERATED STORY  
FISHERMEN CAN CONCEIVE OF NO REASON FOR THE ATTACK.

None Had Seen a Japanese or Strange Warship There Excepting the Russian Ships.

HULL, England, November 17.—The third day of the board of trade inquiry into the North sea incident opened today with further reiterations of the oft-repeated story that there were no Japanese, no guns and no ammunition on board the trawlers, and that the fishermen could conceive of no reason why they had been attacked.

None of them had been asked by any Japanese agency to do anything, nor had any of them seen a Japanese or strange warship of any description in the North sea with the exception of the Russians.

One witness admitted that on seeing the North sea hospital trawler Alpha with extinguished lights he had remarked, "There's a torpedo boat."

Cross-examined by Dr. Woodhouse, counsel representing the Russian embassy, the witness said he was positive it was not a torpedo boat, but he was not sure it was the Alpha. He never before had seen a trawler with all her lights out.

Rumored Hitch Denied.  
LONDON, November 17.—The Associated Press learns that there is no justification whatever for the sensational deductions made in the London Daily Telegraph's dispatch from St. Petersburg, published this morning, from the delay in signing the Anglo-Russian North sea convention. Russia has accepted in principle the international commission, but the exact text of the convention has not been agreed.

NEW YORK HORSE SHOW.  
Very Small Ponies Were Feature of Today's Session.  
NEW YORK, November 17.—Ponies, many of them not over 46 inches in height, were the center of interest at the annual horse show today, and the beautiful weather of the week continued. Last night had the record crowd, and there was something of a lull in the attendance today, although there was no diminution in the interest.

DENVER TAR PLANT BURNED.  
One Dead and Three Seriously Injured—Spontaneous Combustion.  
DENVER, November 17.—One man is dead and three others are seriously injured as a result of a fire which destroyed the tar plant of the Denver Gas and Electric Company. The property loss is estimated at \$25,000.

PORTUGAL'S SOVEREIGNS.  
Gala Reception in London—Guests of the Lord Mayor.  
LONDON, November 17.—King Charles and Queen Amelia of Portugal passed in procession through the streets of London today and had luncheon at the Guild Hall as the guests of the lord mayor and corporation.

COL. HECKER RESIGNS.  
Health Will Not Permit Him to Stay on Isthmian Commission.  
Col. Frank J. Hecker of Michigan has resigned as a member of the Panama canal commission.

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THE FALL RACES AT BENNING.



DO YOU THINK SHE CAN RUN AGAIN?

has amply justified this belief. I am sorry that you feel that your health will not permit you to serve longer.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.  
President Roosevelt has not considered yet the subject of a successor to Colonel Hecker on the commission. Indeed, an intimation is given that the commission is to be given to another man.

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SEEK VIEWS OF PEACE

CZAR'S AGENTS ABROAD SOUND OTHER NATIONS.  
Reported Czar Would Have Taken Initial Step for Conference But for War.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 17.—The Russian formal reply says a circular note, regarding the convening of the Hague conference, is not expected till next week.

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TRYING TO GET A JURY

Examination of Talesmen in Young Murder Case.

NEW YORK CITY TODAY  
ADMITTANCE ONLY TO THOSE CONNECTED WITH THE CASE.

Nan Patterson Keeps Up Her Good Spirits—Her Lawyer Receives an Important Letter.

NEW YORK, November 17.—With four of the twelve men who are to decide her fate already selected, the trial of Nan Patterson, it formed a ghastly change with the murder of Caesar Young, the wealthy horseman, was continued in the criminal branch of the supreme court today.

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MR. CHAS. C. GLOVER

To Head the Citizens' Local Inaugural Committee.

NO FORMAL TENDER  
BUT GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPTED BY CITIZENS.

Comment on the Choice of Mr. Cortel—you—Only Jar is as to Politics.

It may be stated with authority that Mr. Charles C. Glover, president of Riggs National Bank, will be named chairman of the inaugural committee upon the return of Mr. George B. Cortel from New York unless present plans are changed.

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